

REMARKS

An Information Disclosure Statement accompanies this amendment. The Statement seeks cross-citation of documents of record in the following related applications, all of which are assigned to the assignee of the instant application:

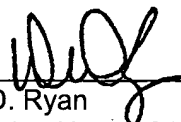
1. Application Serial No. 09/231,320, filed January 13, 1999, entitled "Pulmonary and Circulatory Blood Flow Support Devices and Methods for Heart Surgery Procedures" currently pending before Examiner K. O'Hara, Art Group 3738
2. Application Serial No. 10/079,053, filed February 19, 2002, entitled "Pulmonary and Circulatory Blood Flow Support Devices and Methods for Heart Surgery Procedures" (Art Group 2165, Examiner Unknown)
3. Application Serial No. 10/021,549, filed December 12, 2001, entitled "Pulmonary and Circulatory Blood Flow Support Devices and Methods for Heart Surgery Procedures" (Art Group 2165, Examiner Unknown)

The instant application was submitted with a Related Application paragraph which stated a claim of priority to copending applications Serial Nos. 09/079,836 and 09/231,320. The Application Transmittal Letter inserted a claim of priority to the same related applications, and thus was duplicative. The specification has been amended to delete the duplicative priority claim.

Claims 1-23 and 37-49 remain in the application.

Entry of this supplemental amendment and allowance of claims 1-23 and 37-49 is respectfully requested.

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This application [is a continuation in part of] claims the benefit of copending United States Patent Applications Serial No. 09/079,836 filed May 15, 1998 and Serial No. 09/231,320 filed January 13, 1999, which are hereby incorporated by reference.